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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 150
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Steve Nelson for the public service he provides to the people of East Tennessee through his radio program, *The Weekend Report*, on WETB-AM in Johnson City.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those individuals, who, through their extraordinary efforts, have contributed to their respective communities through their dispensation and dissemination of diverse beliefs, concepts, and ideas; and

WHEREAS, Since the earliest days of the Republic, the expression and discussion of varied points of view have been the foundation of citizen involvement; and

WHEREAS, For the past thirteen years, *The Weekend Report* on WETB-AM Radio in Johnson City has been the voice of Northeast Tennessee and the bordering counties in Southwest Virginia and Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Steve Nelson, Producer/Host of *The Weekend Report*, has afforded the members of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of the government of Tennessee

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unlimited personal on-air interviews, news releases, telephone reports, and personal contact, thus initiating a forum for public discourse and furthering the relationship between the citizens of Tennessee and their elected officials; and

WHEREAS, For the past thirteen years, Steve Nelson and *The Weekend Report* have maintained the highest level of professional integrity and unbiased reporting, regardless of the topic; and

WHEREAS, *The Weekend Report* has been highly honored on local, regional, and national levels, including the receipt of several honors from the Society of Professional Journalists and the National Society of Radio Talk Show Hosts, and has been quoted in *The Congressional Record* and other highly respected journals; and

WHEREAS, Steve Nelson and *The Weekend Report* have earned the profound respect and trust of the East Tennessee Delegation in both the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, March 4, 2001, Steve Nelson and *The Weekend Report* reached a milestone, airing program number 677 with the Honorable Don Sundquist, Governor of the great State of Tennessee, as guest to mark the start of the fourteenth year for the radio program's valuable service to the people of East Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend congratulations to Steve Nelson, Producer/Host of *The Weekend Report* and to WETB-AM on the remarkable occasion of the program's 13th anniversary, and honor them for the fair, incisive, and informative service they provide to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.